

## Message Text

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FM AMCONSUL HONG KONG

TO AMEMBASSY SEOUL IMMEDIATE

INFO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 3433

C O N F I D E N T I A L 292

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: EPAP KS OREP (PASSMAN, OTTO)

SUBJECT: KOREAN PURCHASE OF US RICE

1. ON DEPARTURE FROM HONG KONG BY CODEL PASSMAN, CONGRESSMAN INFORMED CONTROL OFFICER THAT, DURING HIS VISIT IN HONG KONG (JANUARY 5-9), A DEAL HAD BEEN CONCLUDED FOR THE SALE OF 110,000 TONS OF US RICE TO SOUTH KOREAN BUSINESS INTERESTS FOR A TOTAL OF \$83,000,000. THE TERMS ARE CASH AND A LETTER OF CREDIT HAS ALREADY BEEN ISSUED. SHIPMENT IS TO BEGIN ALMOST IMMEDIATELY AND BE COMPLETED BY APRIL.

2. APPARENT MIDDLE MAN IN THIS RICE DEAL WAS KOREAN BUSINESSMAN TONGSUN PARK, WELL KNOWN TO EMBASSY SEOUL AND IN WASHINGTON, WHO FLEW TO HONG KONG FROM SEOUL AND WILL ACCOMPANY CONGRESSMAN AND PARTY ON TRIP TO SEOUL.

3. PRICE APPEARS WAY OUT OF LINE WITH LATEST FOB GULF PORT PRICES AVAILABLE HERE.  
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